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Tri-Party Agreement

Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (HFFACO)

Extension of Period for Issuance of Final Determinations

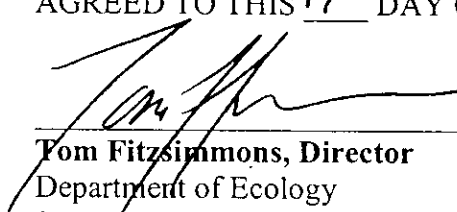
On November 15, 1999 the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) approved their "Agreement on Principal Regulatory Commitments Pertaining to Hanford Tank Waste Treatment Complex Construction and Operations". This Agreement documented key regulatory commitments necessary for the DOE to achieve compliance with Washington's *Hazardous Waste Management Act* (HWMA) and the *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act* (RCRA) including their Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR), in a manner equivalent to Site Treatment Plans as required by the *Federal Facility Compliance Act* of 1992.

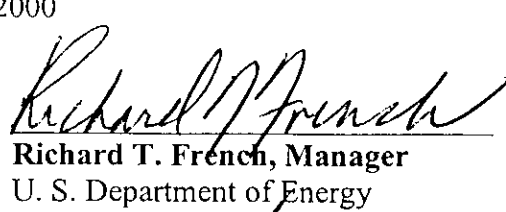
In this regard, the Parties have been working to resolve their two (2) associated HFFACO disputes, i.e., (1) negotiations having the objective of developing necessary HFFACO tank waste treatment program regulatory requirements, and (2) associated compliance and HFFACO discussions having the objective of clarifying regulatory requirements necessary for mixed waste, and mixed waste LDR compliance.


The period for resolving these disputes expired at close of business January 31, 2000 with no agreements reached. Failure to reach agreement consequently triggered a 14-day period within which the Director of Ecology is required to issue Final Determinations pursuant to HFFACO Article VIII, Paragraph 30 (D).

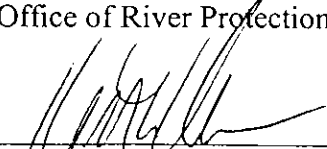
On consideration, and despite the desire of each agency to bring these matters to a close, Ecology, EPA, and DOE agree that additional time is warranted to attempt to resolve these matters amicably. Consequently (pursuant to HFFACO Article VIII, paragraph 30 (E)) Ecology, EPA, and DOE agree to extend the period allotted for issuance of Director's Final Determinations in these matters through March 15, 2000.

AGREED TO THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2000


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